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On 8 July 1955, a staked-off area, about 2,000 x 600 meters, which was not under cultivation, was observed 3 to 4 km. north of Schlotheim between Gross-Mehlra and Mehrstedt. The area was partially surrounded by a barbed-wire fence. Four EM tents with a total capacity of 80 to 100 men and 2 wooden barracks were seen in the eastern section of the area. A large pile of green wooden crates, each 130 to 150 cm. long, was observed set slightly apart. Eight Soviet soldiers were working on the fence and 25 to 30 soldiers were doing grading work. The service color of the soldiers could not be observed. Three heavy track-laying vehicles were being used. Between 1200 and 1600 on 8 July, no construction material arrived at the site. German construction workers were not observed, and                      have not yet been employed for construction work. Truck                      with a hoisting gear proceeded to the field coming from the direction of Schlotheim. No other vehicular traffic was observed.

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                     Comment. For location sketch of Schlotheim airfield, see Annex.                      12 carloads of runway mats (PSP) daily moved from Brandis to Schlotheim between 12 and 14 July 1955. It was also learned that a total of 140 carloads are to arrive at Schlotheim. About 2,100 tons of runway mats could be transported on 140 cars if each carried 15 tons. If it is true that this amount of pierced steel planking is to be shipped to Schlotheim, an auxiliary airstrip 2,000 x 40 meters could easily be constructed.

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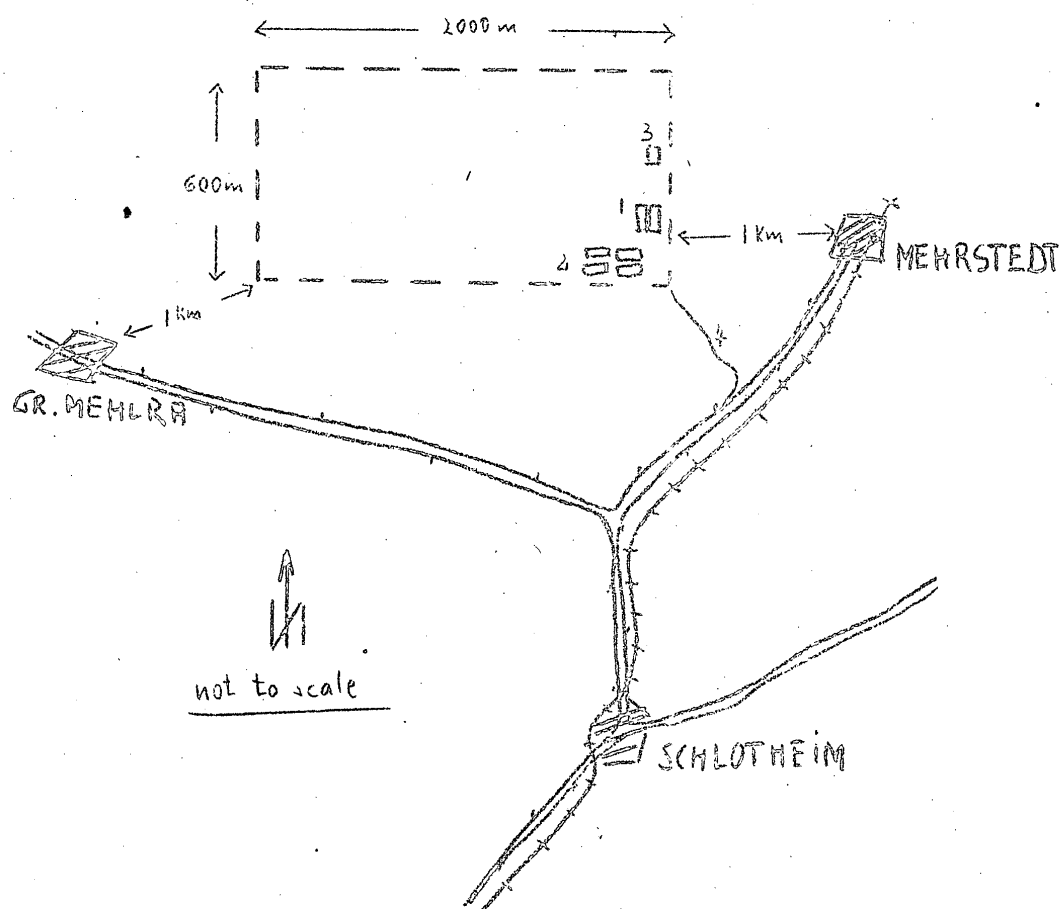
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Annex

Location Sketch of Schlotheim Airfield

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Legend:

- 1 Two wooden barracks
- 2 4 M tents
- 3 Crates piled up
- 4 Field path

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